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TAGS: OEXC SL (AWUTA-COKER, ARIKA)

SUBJECT: EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE: FY-76 IV NOMINATION

POST NOMINATES ARIKA AWUTA-COKER FOR FY-76 IV GRANT. BIO FOLLOWS:

1. PRESENT POSITION: MANAGING EDITOR "WE YONE" BIWEEKLY NEWSPAPER
1972-PRESENT. PAST POSITION: FOREIGN PRESS CORRESPONDENT.

2. PERSONAL DATA: BORN APRIL 28, 1948, FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE.
MALE, SINGLE, CHRISTIAN, NO DIETARY RESTRICTIONS. ADDRESS:
89 FORT STREET, FREETOWN, PO BOX 862, FREETOWN.
EDUCATION: BA DURHAM UNIVERSITY 1969. MAJORED IN PHILOSOPHY,
ENGLISH, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. RECEIVED JOURNALISM DIPLOMA,
1972 FROM INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JOURNALISM, BERLIN. HAS
TRAVELED THROUGH MOST OF AFRICA, ENGLAND, FRANCE, BELGIUM,
RUMANIA (1969 AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA (1970). EXCELLENT ENGLISH.
ALSO SPEAKS FRENCH AND SOME GERMAN. SPECIAL INTERESTS INCLUDE
MODERN MUSIC, CREATIVE WRITING, DESIGNING.

3. PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS: AS "WE YONE" EDITOR, AWUTA-COKER
MUCH INTERESTED IN ELECTION PROCESS. IF POSSIBLE WOULD
LIKE TO ATTEND PART OF REPUBLICAN CONVENTION. HE ALSO
INTERESTED MEETING PROFESSIONAL PRESS, INCLUDING ART
BUCHWALD AND/OR RUSSELL BAKER, WHITE HOUSE PRESS
OFFICER, AND ONE OR MORE "GOSSIP" COLUMNISTS AS HE HAS
BEGUN SUCH A COLUMN RECENTLY. WOULD LIKE TO VISIT
NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE TO SEE PLANT AND MEET STAFF. PARTICUL-
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ARLY INTERESTED IN MEETING MOVELIST HAROLD ROBBINS.

4. FURTHER REQUESTS ARE VISIT TO VOA, VISIT TO U.S. SENATE
TO OBSERVE LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES; OBSERVATION OF U.S.
TELEVISION AND FILM INDUSTRIES.

5. WILLING TO SPEAK TO FOREIGN AUDIENCES. ALTHOUGH NEVER
IN U.S. BEFORE, WILL NOT REQUIRE ESCORT. WISHES DEPART
SECOND WEEK IN JULY. ADVISE IF DATE ACCEPTABLE.

6. ALTERNATE: KHALIL KAMARA.
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